



Jal Shakti Abhiyan - II

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Why in News

The Minister of Jal Shakti has urged all MPs to support the ongoing “**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain**” campaign in their respective constituencies and states.

Such interventions would ensure water source sustainability in rural areas and would strengthen the ongoing **Jal Jeevan Mission** being implemented by the Ministry.

Key Points

- **About:**

- The Abhiyan with the **theme- “Catch the Rain where it falls, when it falls’** was launched on the occasion of **world water day** (22nd March 2021).
- It covers **all rural and urban areas** of all districts of the country.
 - **Jal Shakti Abhiyan-I of 2019**, covered **only 1592 water stressed blocks** out of 2836 blocks **in 256 districts** of the country.
- **National Water Mission**, under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, is the nodal agency for its implementation.
- A total of almost **Rs. 14,000 Cr worth of water conservation related work** is completed/ongoing **under the MGNREGS** (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) of Dept of Rural Development.

- **Aim:**

- The campaign aims **at tapping rainwater** by constructing artificial recharge structures, revitalizing existing ponds and water bodies, creating new water bodies, provisioning check dams, rejuvenating wetlands and rivers before the onset of monsoon.
- It is also planned to create **a data-base of all water bodies** in the country by **geo tagging** them and using this data to create scientific and data-based district level water conservation plans.

- **Other Initiatives to Conserve Water:**

- **Jal Jeevan Mission:**

- An initiative under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, aims to ensure access to piped water for every household in rural India.
- Government of India has restructured and subsumed the **National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)** into Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide **Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC)** to every rural household i.e., Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (HGNSJ).

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban):**

In the **Budget 2021-22**, Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) was announced under the **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** to provide universal coverage of water supply to all households through functional taps in all statutory towns in accordance with **Sustainable Development Goal- 6** (clean water and sanitation).

- **National Water Mission:**

It was launched with the objective of conservation of water, minimising wastage and ensuring more equitable distribution both across and within states through integrated water resources development and management.

- **NITI Aayog's Composite Water Management Index:**

With the objective of achieving effective utilization of water, NITI Aayog has developed the Composite Water Management Index.

- **Atal Bhujal Yojana:**

- It is a central sector scheme worth Rs. 6,000 crore for sustainable management of groundwater with community participation.
- It envisages people's participation through the formation of 'Water User Associations', water budgeting, preparation and implementation of Gram-panchayat-wise water security plans, etc.

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